

MINUTES OF EYNESHAM FUTURES STEERING GROUP MEETING HELD AT 7.30 pm ON TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, 2016, IN THE BARTHOLOMEW ROOM, EYNESHAM

Present: Sue Chapman (SC), Paddy Coulter (PC), Gordon Beach (GB), Marie Mills (MM), Rolando Medina (RM), Posy Parrinder (PP), Steve Parrinder (SP), Nina Turner (NT). SP had agreed to take minutes.

Apologies: Richard Andrews ((RA), Jon Bright, Eleanor Chance, Peter Emery, Jane Osborne, Charles Mathew, Dennis Stukenbroeker, Angie Titchen.

1. DECLARATIONS OF ANY PERSONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: None

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: It was agreed that the public would be welcome to contribute to discussions throughout the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 16 AUGUST 2016: Accepted as an accurate record.

4. MATTERS ARISING other than those which were agenda items: None

5. CORRESPONDENCE: From: Adam Symons at Brookes, offering services of undergraduates to help with environmental issues in the NP. Agreed that this could be useful; Sarah Couch, comments on the NP have already been incorporated by RA; Jeff New; Laurence Cramp; Sri Sharma; Sean Lewis; Marie Bridge- Richard Andrews has responded; 'James'. Comments and queries noted.

6. MEETING WITH WODC & OCC PLANNERS: PP gave a report on the meeting she and RA had had on 6th September.

They had discussed:

a. The projected ENP timetable. Much is dependent on the publication and approval of WODC's Local Plan, which should be published on 11 October 2016. Our pre-submission consultation is underway until the end of October. WODC to provide a list of Statutory Consultees. Parish Council could approve the ENP in December. The final Referendum on the plan would probably take place sometime between May and September 2017 (July and August being discounted because of the holiday season).

b. WODC 's initial comments on ENP. Some were not happy that the plan insists that any development should be within reasonable walking distance of the village centre which would place a limit on further development. They say it could be argued for example the schools should be centres. They suggest there may be other ways to make developers ensure necessary facilities existing & new are in walking distances. The meeting did not fully agree.

c. WODC's 'Garden Village' (GV) proposals to the north of the A40 at Eynsham to fulfil WODC's proportion of Oxford's unmet housing need. This would entail the building of 2200 houses in the first instance- this being the maximum number of homes they say are deliverable in the plan period to 2031

at a rate of 220 per annum with 4 housebuilders on site at once. So far the site evaluations indicate it could take 3000 plus so expansion beyond year 2031 is probable.

Neither the Parish Council, the Eynsham Futures Steering Group, nor indeed some of the affected landowners had been consulted about these proposals despite WODC's submission which implied that they had.

WODC want the west of Eynsham developed too probably with 550 homes. Added to the GV 2200 this would cover the expected 2750 apportionment of Oxford's Unmet Need.

STOP PRESS – the Oxfordshire Growth Board has agreed-

| | <i>PROPORTION OF UNMET NEED APPORTIONED</i> |
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| <i>CHERWELL</i> | <i>4400</i> |
| <i>OXFORD CITY</i> | <i>550</i> |
| <i>SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE</i> | <i>4950</i> |
| <i>VALE OF WHITE HORSE</i> | <i>2200</i> |
| <i>WEST OXFORDSHIRE</i> | <i>2750</i> |
| <i>TOTAL</i> | <i>14850</i> |

PP and RA had opined at the meeting that if the GV went ahead the suggested development to the west of the village would not be necessary and the GV could take all 2750 homes adding that this would mean more funding for the GV infrastructure. However there seems to be a strong element in WODC which would wish to see a western development as well. The WODC officers agreed to look again at our alternative suggestion.

At the meeting RA had suggested that seeking a financial investor might be an option to enable WODC/developers to get funding up front for infrastructure as this is a key concern for EPC/EFSG/Eynsham residents. A long discussion ensued, at this meeting, focussing on the impact on infrastructure, especially on educational provision.

d. A40 progress: SC reported on a meeting she attended at OCC to discuss the Feasibility Design for the A40 Science Transit. The Park & Ride (P&R) for 500 cars is due to be started in 2018 and completed by 2020. PP said she would root out the proposed design of the Park & Ride for NT for the public meeting. The design includes an eastbound bus lane to Oxford merging with ordinary traffic at Duke's Cut. A partial west bound bus lane would be built from the Cassington lights to the Eynsham roundabout. A bus lane from the village to the toll bridge had been considered and rejected. The final design of the A40 Science Transit will be out for public consultation on 1 Dec 2016.

OCC are seeking funding for another future proposal to make A40 dual carriageway from Witney to Eynsham P&R to include a west bound bus lane from Dukes Cut to Eynsham P&R. Any further dualling

of the A40 to Oxford or re-routing north of Eynsham is unlikely to happen unless hell freezes over. OCC's emphasis is on encouraging use of public transport not on improving private traffic flow.

The cycle lane will be restricted to the north of the A40 so that cyclists returning from Oxford in the winter months will enjoy the full glare of motorist's headlights.

A general discussion ensued about the lack of joined-up thinking, not to say the pure idiocy of these proposals, especially in light of the vast increase in commuters expected from new housing.

7. UPDATED ENP PAGES AT EYNHAM ONLINE PLUS LATEST ENP DOCUMENTS: Go to <http://eynsham-pc.gov.uk/> News OR <http://eynshamfutures.org.uk/> direct to EF page. EFSG were reminded to familiarise selves with latest ENP v1.0 and Site Options Assessment v0.6 prior to the public meeting on 5 October.

8. PUBLIC MEETING PLANNING FOR 5 OCTOBER.

Library window display cancelled as Library is undergoing renovation.

SC had distributed posters around the village. PP had put boxes at the main collection points. NT had prepared large (A1) posters on the two key issues i.e. the pre-submission draft of the Neighbourhood Plan and the 'Garden Village' proposals. She needs input regarding the text. PP and others agreed to help. SP had ordered the wine!

It was agreed that people who wrote comments would need to identify themselves if their views were to be taken as evidence by the Inspector. RA had produced sample response questionnaire- one per policy area- requesting name etc. There was concern that we were expecting people to do too much in a limited amount of time. It was agreed that PP, RA, NT and AT should present summaries of GV proposals and policies before people moved around the discussion tables where they can write on the flipchart paper. People can then choose the issues they wanted to particularly comment on and either complete the questions there or take them away to fill in later if they wished. **The question sheets will need a return address.**

AOB: None. The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 18th October 2016. Volunteer needed (as usual) to take the Minutes.

Steve Parrinder
Minute taker